My Response to the Allegations

My name is Cristiano, my friends and many others call me Cris. This response is not going to be a performative apology, I will not make any attempts to excuse or minimize my past behaviour. I am going to be taking full accountability for what was wrong and acknowledge how those actions may look to people who don't know me and explain how I've changed in the four to six years since.

I'd like to start off by saying that many of the screenshots floating around currently are real, however at the same time there are a small number of screenshots that I do not recognize and are likely not genuine.

I understand how seeing any of these screenshots, especially without knowing me back then or knowing the context in which the messages took place could raise serious concerns. These messages were all posted because fourteen- or fifteen-year-old me thought shock value was funny. It was immature, inappropriate, and ultimately, I regret doing it. I have been told that many people view me now as racist, or a pedophile, and I would like to be completely clear about these accusations, especially the more serious one. I have never had a romantic or sexual interaction with a minor, I have never solicited sexual images from a minor, I have never pursued a minor sexually. I also want to be clear that I do not hold racist or otherwise discriminatory beliefs. I understand that some of my past messages can reasonably make people question that, and I take responsibility for creating this impression. Those jokes were inappropriate and posted for shock value, and do not reflect my beliefs then, or now.

Some of the messages I posted were deliberately shocking or provocative. At the time, I believed getting a reaction through shock value was funny. I understand now that people seeing these posts years later, without knowing me or the context in which they were posted, may interpret them as something much more serious. This is purely a consequence of my own poor judgement, and I take responsibility for posting them. My intention does not make these posts acceptable, but I want to be clear that these posts are not genuine expressions of beliefs or attractions.

I changed as a person years before these allegations even surfaced. I did not change because I was confronted, but simply through growing up and becoming aware of how my actions affect others. The biggest change is simply put, I stopped behaving this way. As I got older, I realized this type of edgy humour just isn't funny, and I especially became more aware of the difference between intent and perception.

Something that I may have seen as a joke when I was fourteen or fifteen can clearly look different to somebody else. Understanding how others perceive me has changed how I communicate, act, and consider acceptable to post.

I cannot change what I posted when I was fourteen or fifteen, and I understand that people seeing these messages for the first time may form an opinion of me based on them. I will not ask you to ignore what I said or consider it acceptable. I am asking that my actions then be considered with the person I am today, I stopped behaving this way long before these screenshots started floating around. Ultimately, I understand that just saying I've changed means very little on its own, this is only something I can demonstrate through how I have behaved in the years since and how I continue to behave moving forward.